For Darrell, 21, Hope Street is a place that gave him shelter when his family was divided and he had no place else to go. “I didn’t have a place to put my clothes or lay my head,” he said. “There were times where I was like, I don’t know how I’m going to get through this.”

He rode busses. Like many other youth experiencing homelessness, he hung out at the mall. When someone lent him a car, he used it as his bed.

Like many of our programs, more than half of Hope Street’s budget comes from private contributions. We simply cannot help Darrell and others like him without your help.

Because of your support, Hope Street was able to not only answer Darrell’s immediate needs, but also provide him the tools to gain independence.

He’s now working full-time, saving his money and preparing for the future. “The people at Hope Street showed me the proper steps to take to adulthood,” he said. “Hope Street has kind of been like life support for me.”

Hope Street gave Darrell the foundation for success.
If you make a donation before midnight on June 30, generous donors have pledged to match every single dollar, up to $200,000! We are so grateful for this amazing support!

Your gifts will provide individuals experiencing homelessness refuge from the hot summer sun, summer enrichment opportunities at Northside Child Development Center, a safe place for families to sleep at Family Service Center and critical services for older adults. In these and so many other ways, your gifts will change the lives of the men, women and children living in poverty in our community.

$50 serves meals to 20 homeless adults
$250 provides services to an elderly person living in poverty
$500 provides a month of meals for a homeless mother and two children
$1,000 gives medical care at St. Joseph’s Home for Children
$2,500 provides overnight shelter for the homeless at Higher Ground Minneapolis

You gave Dorothy a new beginning

For two decades, Dorothy lived a quiet life in a low-income apartment in downtown Minneapolis. When the building wanted to accommodate a different clientele, Dorothy lost her home. You were there to pick her back up again.

“I got booted out and I had to be out in three months,” Dorothy said. With limited income and chronic health conditions, Dorothy struggled to find housing opportunities that would fit her needs. While she had spent her life living in Minneapolis, finding an affordable option right for her in her home city was challenging. Thankfully, Dorothy was only homeless for one day before she found refuge at Catholic Charities’ Exodus Residence.

“I got Exodus and I really liked it there,” she said. “The food was so good, the staff was real nice and the people were good to me.”

Dorothy spent two months at Exodus and not only had a place to stay, but help managing her health care needs and she got on track with her nutrition. Like some other seniors who live on their own, Dorothy lacked the energy or the will to prepare multiple meals each day and wasn’t meeting her nutritional needs.

Through Catholic Charities’ Homeless Elders program, Dorothy was connected to resources she would need to regain independence. She found a new home at a senior building in Brooklyn Park.

“I’m happy everything worked out,” she said.

You made it possible!

Dorothy Day Community Breakfast celebrates teamwork, milestone

What was formerly Main Street has been officially renamed Dorothy Day Place. In May, 2014 we launched Catholic Charities’ Dorothy Day Capital Campaign. At this year’s Dorothy Day Community Breakfast on May 5, we announced we have reached our goal of $40 million in private resources for Dorothy Day Place!

This is all thanks to the nearly 500 contributors to this historic Campaign. Thank to your generous contributions, Higher Ground Saint Paul, the first of two buildings for this innovative project, opened in January and has already made a dramatic difference in the lives of so many. For the first time in 17 years, not a single soul spent the evening on a thin mat on the cold floor of the Dorothy Day Center.

“We must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that.” — Dorothy Day

As a donor, you created the ripples, which will now become waves, restoring dignity and hope to the men and women we are now able to serve.

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